

The Great Depression - day 2

Entrance task: Prepare for a homework quiz

Today: Americans face hard times . . .

Homework: Ch. 21-3 Hoover's response fails

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President Hoover's Solution

- * Favored *voluntary controls* by business and feared creating a “*welfare* state” because it sounded like *socialism*

No Direct Payments to Citizens!

- * “Rugged individualism”: *decisions made by private businesses & individuals were more important to economic recovery than government intervention.*
- * *Hawley Smoot Tariff* (1930) - Import tariff passed to protect US business but backfired due to retaliatory tariffs and caused US trade to slowdown

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President Hoover's Solutions

- Boulder Dam Project
- Federal Home Loan Bank Act
- Reconstruction Finance Corporation



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Hoover was very **unpopular**

- "Hoovervilles" - *shanty towns; named to mock the President*



Short clip

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Shanty towns (6:36)



A Most Vicious Circle

—Costello in the Albany "News."



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The Dust Bowl

440,000 families in Oklahoma & 300,000 families in Kansas left their farms and migrated to California as drought and dust storms made their land useless.

Removal of natural grasses to plant higher priced wheat, which erased the natural protection of the soil.

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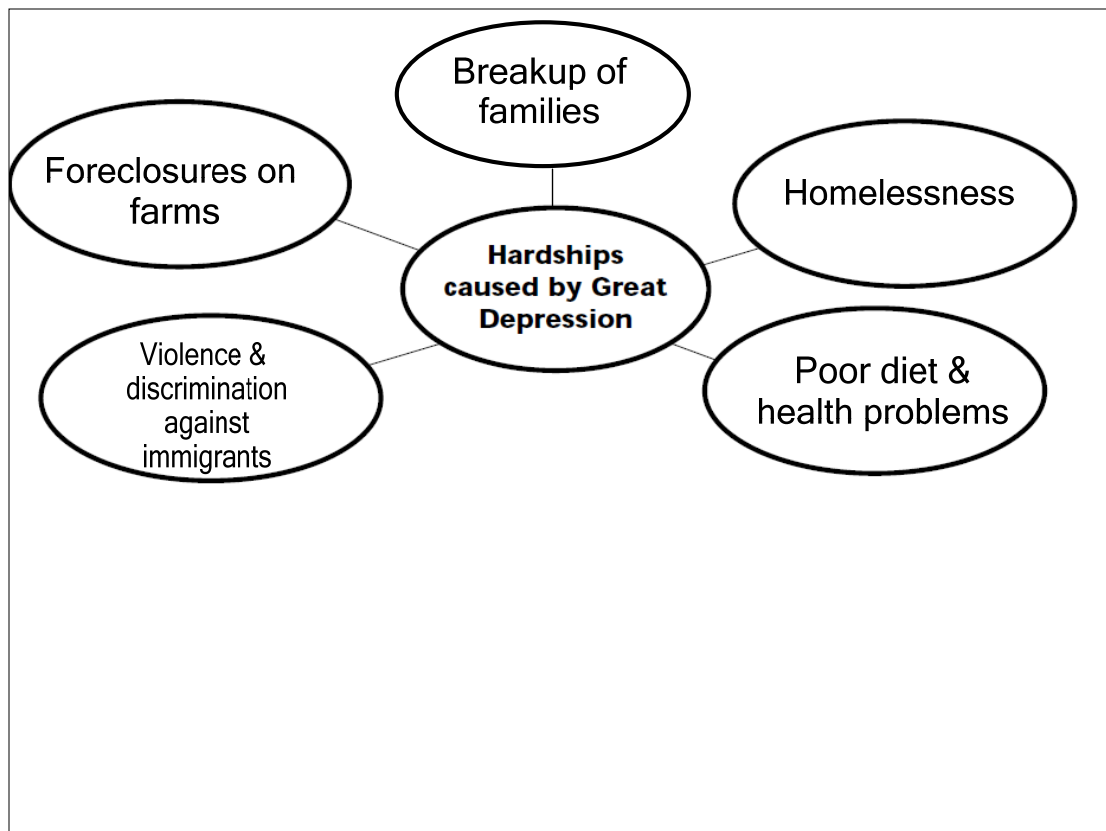


Dust Bowl video 1:30 min

The problem existed for over seven years and by 1940 more than 2.5 million people had been displaced as a result.



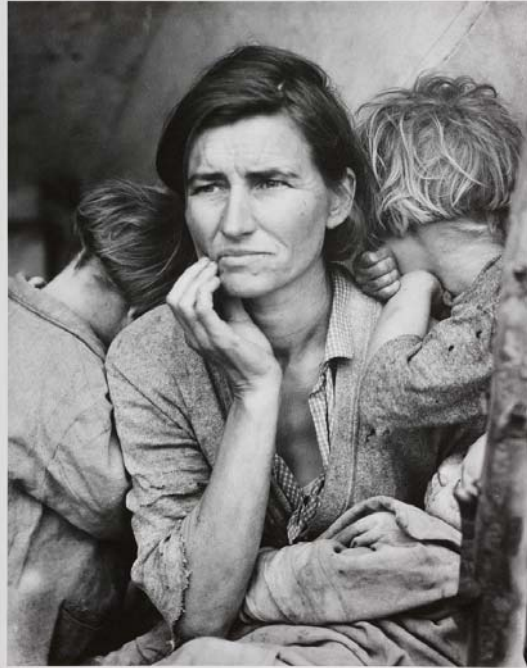
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Dorothea Lange
1895-1965



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